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**FORT MYERS DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO MORE
THAN 19 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

Fort Myers -- Paul I. Perez, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, announced today that Clarence Black, age 30, and a resident of Fort Myers, Florida, was sentenced on drug charges to federal prison for 19 years and 7 months without the possibility of parole. The Honorable Virginia M. Hernandez Covington, United States District Judge, sentenced Black to the maximum prison term established under Federal Sentencing Guidelines. The Court also ordered Black to serve a term of supervised release of 5 years upon his release from imprisonment.

Black pled guilty to the cocaine trafficking charges on March 27, 2006. According to court documents, on August 27, 2004, Black was in a vehicle that was stopped by the Ft. Myers Police Department. A Lee County Sheriff's Office K-9 dog detected narcotics in the vehicle. A search warrant was then executed and 33 separate bags of cocaine were discovered inside the Chevy Tahoe. The total weight was just over a pound.

The case was investigated by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey F. Michelland of the Fort Myers Division of the United States Attorney's Office.

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